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Orville E. Babcock House
(2024-2-26 G Street, N. W., (Row Houses)
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-403

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY WASHINGTON
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) ORVILLE E. BABCOCK HOUSE		HABS NO. DC-403
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE 2024-2026 G Street, N. W.		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c1875 (DC Tax Books 1874 & 1875)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The townhouse of Orville E. Babcock, private secretary to President U.S. Grant, until 1876. Babcock was indicted by the grand jury at St. Louis on Dec. 9, 1875 "for conspiracy to defraud the revenue", but was subsequently declared not guilty of the charges.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Second Empire		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Projecting three story plus attic bay on main elevation, mansard roof, pedimented dormers, wide, projecting cornice with abbreviated console brackets.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Bought by George Washington University c 1912.		
PRESENT CONOITION AND USE Romance Languages and Literature Departments, George Washington University.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See field records for xeroxes of correspondence and bills from the Babcock Papers, Newberry Library, Chicago.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
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